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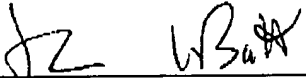
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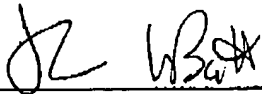
  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This proposed amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated March 3, 2004 and telephone interview conducted on April 15, 2004.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner and his supervisor for their time in discussing the rejected claim 1. During the conversation, claim 1 was discussed with reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,283,341 (Wilkerson), U.S. Patent No. 6,065,654 (Evensen), U.S. Patent No. 6,056,171 (Santamaria), and U.S. Patent No. 1,690,516 (Wickers). Language to clarify the unique functionality of the fore handle as shown in, for example, FIGS. 11-14 was discussed. Applicant herein provides the proposed amended claim 1 for consideration in light of this discussion. No exhibits were presented during the discussion.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 1**

The following amended claim 1 is provided for preliminary consideration by the Examiner.

1. (Currently amended) A footwear donning device, comprising:

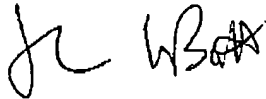
a carriage for holding the footwear;

a fore handle coupled to the carriage, wherein the fore handle is flexible to ~~move around a~~  
heel conform to the heel of a user along a substantial portion of a length of the fore handle; and

a handle coupled to the fore handle for donning the footwear.

Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance. After considering this proposed amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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